

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 9 AUGUST 1993

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REFNO: 1131-1-01 (ACCNO 0522)      Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: HELD, JOHN WAYNE      Date Status assigned: 21 Aug 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	O3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	000049874	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	K606953
Birth date	8 Jul 1936	Weight	160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	MARYLAND	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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Military Region:	3	
Mission Province:	SONG BE	
(formerly):	PHUOC LONG	
Mission District:	PHUOC LONG	TAN UYEN
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Mission Category:	1	
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ON 17 APR 68 CAPT JOHN W. HELD WAS SCRAMBLED FROM THE BIEN HOA AIR BASE ALERT PAD IN AN A37A AIRCRAFT AT 1430 HOURS, (LOCAL TIME), TO ATTACK A TARGET IN THE VICINITY OF SONG BE, SOUTH VIETNAM. CAPT HELD AND HIS WINGMAN, CAPT LANGSTON, WERE JOINED IN THE TARGET AREA BY CAPT LYNCH, THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC). HAVING EXPENDED BOMBS AND NAPALM ON A ROAD FLOW AND AN AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITION, CAPT HELD WAS APPROACHING ANOTHER WEAPONS POSITION TARGET WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE. DIRECTIONAL CONTROL WAS LOST AND WHILE USING TRIM TO FLY THE AIRCRAFT.

CAPT HELD WAS ADVISED BY HIS WINGMAN, CAPT LANGSTON, TO EJECT, AS FLAMES WERE COMING FROM THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT OF HIS ACFT. CAPT HELD WAS OBSERVED BY HIS WINGMAN AND THE FAC TO EJECT SUCCESSFULLY. BEEPER SIGNALS WERE HEARD IMMEDIATELY. BOTH CAPT LANGSTON AND CAPT LYNCH KEPT THE PARACHUTE IN SIGHT UNTIL IT LANDED IN A DENSE BAMBOO THICKET IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) YU 317 215. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF (GC) YU 313 213.

ALTHOUGH AN ORBIT OF THE AREA WAS MAINTAINED, NEITHER THE WINGMAN NOR THE FAC OBSERVED CAPT HELD AFTER THE PARACHUTE ENTERED THE JUNGLE. ABOUT 25 MINUTES AFTER THE CRASH, A U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER ARRIVED AND LOWERED A CREWMEMBER INTO THE VICINITY OF THE OBSERVED PARACHUTE. THE HELICOPTER HOVERED OVER THE PARACHUTE AREA FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES UNTIL THE CREWMEMBER HAD SEARCHED ABOUT 100-200 METERS IN ALL DIRECTIONS. THE PARACHUTE WAS SUSPENDED ABOUT 12 FEET UP IN THE TREES, SO THE CREWMAN WAS UNABLE TO REACH THE PARACHUTE TO SILENCE THE EMERGENCY RADIO.

THE PARACHUTE DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CUT, BUT RATHER IT APPEARED THAT THE PILOT HAD "PUNCHED OUT". FOUR FAIRLY WELL-TRAVELED TRAILS LEADING FROM THE SPOT UNDER THE PARACHUTE WERE SEARCHED WITHOUT SUCCESS. NO ARTICLES OF CLOTHING OR BLOOD WERE FOUND IN THE PARACHUTE AREA. AFTER RECOVERY OF THE CREWMAN, THE HELICOPTER REMAINED IN THE AREA FOR ABOUT FIVE HOURS LONGER AT TREE TOP LEVEL, BUT FAILED TO OBSERVE ANY SIGNS OF LIFE. (REF 2)

ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PILOT MIGHT BE MAKING HIS WAY BACK TO THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, A PARAMEDIC FROM AN HH43F WAS LOWERED INTO THE BURNED OUT AREA OF THE CRASH SITE. DUE TO DENSE FOUR TO FIVE FEET HIGH UNDERGROWTH, THE PARAMEDIC COULD OBSERVE VERY LITTLE OF THE AREA, SO WAS EXTRACTED. ON APRIL 1968 A RESCUE MESSAGE COMMUNICATION INDICATED THAT ONE VOICE CONTACT WAS HEARD, BUT THAT AUTHENTICATION WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. THE VOICE WAS BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF A VIETNAMESE. (REF 2 & 3)

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--- CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ---

14 January 1975

A SEARCH OF THE PARACHUTE AND CRASH SITES WAS CONTINUED, DESPITE HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY AND GROUND FIRE, UNTIL 1100 HOURS, 19 APRIL 1968, WHEN THE EMERGENCY RADIO FINALLY DISCONTINUED TRANSMITTING. (REF 2)

AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT RECEIVED IN 1970 INDICATED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE IN MARCH 1970 SAW THREE U.S. AND ONE KOREAN PW IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) WT 660 156 ON THEIR WAY TO NORTH VIETNAM. THE SOURCE DESCRIBED THE SECOND PW AS WHITE, IN HIS LATE TEENS, SKINNY, BLONDE HAIR AND MUSTACHE, AND ABOUT FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES TALL. THE SOURCE IDENTIFIED THE PW FROM PHOTOGRAPHS AS SIMILAR TO JOHN HELD. (REF 4) THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN CONCLUSIVELY CORRELATED, AS THE DESCRIPTION FACTORS GIVEN DO NOT SUBSTANTIALLY COINCIDE WITH THAT OF CAPT HELD.

THE HOSTILE THREAT PRECLUDED VISITS TO OR INVESTIGATION OF THE SITE. THE PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSSED THE CASE WITH THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND DETAILS WERE GIVEN TO THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION. IN APRIL 1974 THE DELEGATION TO THE FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM ASKED THE COMMUNIST (PRG) DELEGATION TO COOPERATE AND SUPPORT A VISIT TO THE SITE BY A U.S. SEARCH TEAM. NO PERMISSION WAS EVER RECEIVED FOR SUCH A SEARCH. CAPT HELD IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

--- SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ---

28 October 1993

MR. LE RECALLED THAT HE AND TWO OTHER CADRE WERE INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE GUARD FOR TWO COMMO-LIAISON CADRE WHO WERE ESCORTING A CAPTURED AMERICAN A37 PILOT FROM MR-10 NEAR BU NHO (XU913), CURRENTLY DUC LIEU VILLAGE, TO GROUP 86 NEAR DUC BON (YT2597). THE AMERICAN WAS TALL, OF MEDIUM BUILD, WITH BROWN HAIR. MR. LE CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CAPTURE. IN LATE 1969 OR EARLY 1970, HE RECALLED HEARING OF THE AMERICAN HAD DIED FROM MALARIA BUT COULD RECALL NO OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH. (REF 11)

--- REFERENCES ---

14 January 1975

REFERENCES: <1> MSG, DET 6, 38 ARRS, 181545Z APR 68. <2> RPT, 3RD TFW, AF FORM 484, W/STATEMENTS, 22 APR 68. <3> RPT, DET 6, 38TH ARRS, 24 APR 68. <4> RPT, U.S. ELM, CIC, USMACV, #6 036 0045 70, UNDATED. <5> 201246Z NOV 92, CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH. <6> CJTFFA DET ONE 080342Z FEB 93. <7> 310217Z MAR 93; CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH. <8> CJTFFA DET

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ONE 261351Z MAR 93 . <9> CJTFFA DET ONE BK TH 020604Z AUG 93. <10> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 260711Z MAR 92. <11> CDR JTF-FA, 010052Z OCT 93.

--- NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ---

13 November 1991

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON THIS CASE WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE 30 OCT - 1 NOV 91 TECHNICAL MEETING.

11 March 1992

CASE 1131 NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM DURING THE 26-28 FEB 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING. (REF 6)

10 April 1992

PROVIDED TO VIETNAMESE DURING 30 MARCH 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING COMMENTS ON CASES INVESTIGATED DURING THE 16TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY.

10 February 1993

A CASE NARRATIVE ON CASE 1131 WAS PRESENTED TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 3-5 FEB 93 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI. (REF 6)

--- MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ---

24 March 1975

COORDS CHANGED FROM YU345195 TO YU317215 BASED ON WITNESS STATEMENTS ATTACHED TO AF FORM 484 AND RE-ANALYSIS.

14 October 1976

INCIDENT LOCATION OF YU313213 ENTERED BASED ON AF FORM 484, 3 TFW, 22 APR 68.

--- JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ---

12 January 1993

ON 3 AND 4 NOV 92, DURING THE 20TH JFA, FOUR WITNESSES PROVIDED TESTIMONY REGARDING AN AMERICAN WHO WAS CAPTURED BY MEMBERS OF THE K29 MILITIA FOLLOWING THE AUG 68 SHOOT DOWN OF HIS AIRCRAFT NEAR BU DANG.

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SHORTLY AFTER CAPTURE, THE AMERICAN WAS TREATED FOR MALARIA AT A LIBERATION FORCES DISPENSARY WHERE HE SUBSEQUENTLY DIED. THE AMERICAN WAS BURIED AT AN UNDETERMINED LOCATION NEAR THE DISPENSARY. NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHOOT DOWN WAS OBTAINED. (REF 5)

4 June 1993

ON 13 AND 16 MARCH 1993, IE3 INVESTIGATED CASE 1131 IN THONG NHAT VILLAGE, BU DANG DISTRICT, SONG BE PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO EYEWITNESSES WHO PROVIDED CREDIBLE TESTIMONY CONCERNING THEIR DISCOVERY OF AN AMERICAN PILOT'S DECAYED BODY IN THE JUNGLE NEAR THONG NHAT VILLAGE ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN 1968. THE WITNESSES LEFT THE PILOT'S REMAINS IN THE JUNGLE AND DID NOT RETURN TO THE SITE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ONE OF THE WITNESSES COLLECTED SEVERAL ITEMS BELONGING TO THE PILOT WHICH HE LATER RELINQUISHED TO A DISTRICT GUERRILLA CADRE. IE3 LATER QUESTIONED THIS DISTRICT CADRE WHO PROVIDED ONLY HEARSAY CONCERNING THE 1131 INCIDENT AND CLAIMED THE PREVIOUS WITNESS WAS MISTAKEN CONCERNING THE PERSONAL EFFECTS PURPORTEDLY TURNED OVER TO HIM. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE 1131 LOSS LOCATION AS INDICATED BY THE WITNESSES, BUT RECOVERED NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS. ON 17 MARCH 1993, A U.S. EXCAVATION/RECOVERY TEAM SURVEYED THE 1131 LOSS LOCATION AND EXCAVATED THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS; THE EXCAVATION SITE WAS CLOSED ON 17 MARCH 1993. (REF 7)

16 June 1993

ON 17 MAR 93, A JOINT UNITED STATES/SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TEAM CONDUCTED AN INTENSIVE SURVEY FOR HUMAN BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES AT A LOCATION PURPORTED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SINGLE LOSS OF CASE 1131. NOTHING WAS FOUND TO SUGGEST THAT THE LOCATION IS OR HAS BEEN A SITE ASSOCIATED IN ANY WAY WITH AN UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN. NO FURTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK IS WARRANTED OR RECOMMENDED. (REF 8)

7 August 1993

FROM 17 THROUGH 22 JUN 93, THE PCIT INVESTIGATED CASE 1131 IN SONG BE PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED NO INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. VIETAMESE OFFICIALS IN SONG BE PROVINCE DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SUPPORTING ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTATION ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1131. (REF 9)

28 September 1993

FROM 05 TO 08 MAR 92, TEAM ONE CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1131 IN SONG BE PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 1968 OR 1969 CRASH OF AN AIRCRAFT AND THE SUBSEQUENT DISCOVERY OF A PARACHUTE AND ONE PILOT'S DEAD BODY. THE WITNESSES DID NOT BURY THE BODY. THE REMAINS WERE ALLEGEDLY CONSUMED BY JUNGLE ANIMALS. THE TEAM VISITED THE CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE

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AND TRAVELLED TO THE REPORTED SITE OF THE PILOT'S DEATH. THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE FOUND AT THE CRASH SITE APPEARS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. (REF 10)